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Scheduled official meetings

Friday, 26 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 13th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, President of the Republic of Slovenia
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Maduro, President of the Republic of Honduras
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti
4. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

(continued overleaf)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Justice and the Rule of Law: The United Nations Role". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Thursday, 25 September 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All members of the United Nations and other entities of the United Nations system with relevant expertise are invited to contribute to this process of reflection and analysis.

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5. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Royal Highness Prince 'Ulukalala Lavaka Ata, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Ranil Wickremesinghe, M.P. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa

Bahrain

Turkmenistan

Cuba

Greece

Yemen

3 p.m. . . . . 14th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe

2. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Turkey

New Zealand

Qatar

Barbados

Netherlands

United Arab Emirates

Tunisia

Viet Nam

Gabon

Iceland

San Marino

Botswana

Chile

Venezuela

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Information and Communication Technology Strategy: implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1518th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Friday, 26 September 2003

Commonwealth Committee on Terrorism

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement *(Ministerial Meeting)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Organization of the Islamic Conference

Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Ad Hoc Committee on Afghanistan (at the ministerial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Rio Group

Meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council

11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Yashwant Sinha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

12.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China

3–3.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting with the Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean (ECLAC), the Latin American Economic System (LAES) and the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)

4.30–5.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Community of Democracies Convening Group *(at the ministerial level)*

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 26 September 2003

Conference Room 4

11.15 a.m. . . . . Middle East Quartet: Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General; H.E. Mr. Colin Powell, Secretary of States of the United States; European Union delegation: H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy (presidency of the European Union); H.E. Mr. Chris Patten, External Relations Commissioner of the European Commission; and H.E. Mr. Javier Solana, European Union High Representative for a Common Foreign and Security Policy

Room S-226

Guests at noon . . . . . Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs; and Mr. Antonio María Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (on treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 29 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 15th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dragan Cović, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia
3. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Syrian Arab Republic

Czech Republic

Myanmar

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

Liechtenstein

Maldives

Mauritania

Palestine

3 p.m. . . . . . **16th plenary meeting** . . . . . **General Assembly Hall**

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Most Honourable Percival James Patterson, M.P., Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Jamaica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Mari Alkatiri, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Bangladesh

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Cape Verde

Panama

Sudan

Jordan

Singapore

Gambia

Nepal

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/58/CRP.1/Rev.1).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 6 October, to Friday, 17 October 2003. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Tam Chung; room S-2977E; tel. 1 (212) 963-1901).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee

The Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be as follows: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur; and (b) Organization of work (A/C.4/58/1 and A/C.4/58/L.1).

This Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1[1].

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1[1].

The Committee will also begin its consideration of items 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 107 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

The organizational meeting of the main part of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will be issued shortly as document A/C.5/58/L.1.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.6/58/L.1. The meeting will be followed in the same room by a meeting of the Working Group on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Organization of the Islamic Conference

The Contact Group of Sierra Leone of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will hold a closed meeting *(at the ministerial level)* on Monday, 29 September 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

The Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will hold a closed meeting *(at the ministerial level)* on Monday, 29 September 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 29 September 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61), organized by the Permanent Mission of China, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Special briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

There will be a special briefing on the main elements and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/58/216), organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4870; e-mail: ffdoffice@un.org).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries ***(Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting)***

The Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will take place on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education", organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Development Programme

The first briefing of the consultation process with United Nations Development Programme Member States on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee (Dubai, 21-22 September 2003). This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation organize the series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, geared towards all diplomats, which in 2003 is repeated five times. The first four modules of each cycle, focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, which is conducted as an intensive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff, as well as non-governmental organizations.

Cycle 5, the last of this year's series, to be conducted in English, will be held from 2 October to 21 November 2003. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-3021).

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Tuesday, 7 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 7 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 8 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 1 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

General Assembly

Statements in the general debate of the plenary

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a *15-minute* time limit should be observed. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 24 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi

H.E. Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Svetozar Marović, President of Serbia and Montenegro

H.E. Mr. Svetozar Marović, President of Serbia and Montenegro, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Boris Trajkovski, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

H.E. Mr. Boris Trajkovski, President of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine

H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal

H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Major-General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

H.E. Major-General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho; H.E. The Honourable Saufatu Sopoanga, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Labour of Tuvalu; H.E. The Right Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan; H.E. Ms. Linnette Saborio, Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Per Stig Moeller, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Jean Obeid, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon; and H.E. Mr. Mircea Geoana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Statements in the exercise of the right of the reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Chile and Bolivia.

Thursday, 25 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

11th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation

H.E. Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

H.E. Mr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Dato' Seri Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Minister of State, Chief of the Government and Director of External Relations of the Principality of Monaco; H.E. Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India; H.E. Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D., Prime Minister of Ireland; H.E. The Honourable Edward Fenech Adami, Prime Minister of Malta; H.E. Mr. Silvan Shalom, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. The Right Honourable Jack Straw, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Jan O. Karlsson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

12th plenary meeting

The summary of the 12th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/186).

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 25 September 2003

906th–907th meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Brunei Darussalam (CRC/C/61/Add.5). In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under article 22: Guatemala (25 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Austria (25 September 2003)

Signature: Guatemala (25 September 2003)

Signature: Serbia and Montenegro (25 September 2003)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Argentina (25 September 2003)[1]

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Signature: Benin (25 September 2003)

Signature: Indonesia (25 September 2003)

Signature: Nigeria (25 September 2003)

Final Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Signature: Benin (25 September 2003)

Signature: Indonesia (25 September 2003)

Signature: Nigeria (25 September 2003)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: **Argentina (25 September 2003)**

Signature: **Chile (25 September 2003)**

Signature: **Guatemala (25 September 2003)**

Signature: **Samoa (25 September 2003)**

Signature: **Slovenia (25 September 2003)**

Signature: **Tonga (25 September 2003)**

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: **Ireland (25 September 2003)[1]**

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: **Comoros (25 September 2003)[1]**

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: **Lebanon (25 September 2003)[1]**

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: **Comoros (25 September 2003)[1]**

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: **Argentina (25 September 2003)[1]**

Ratification: **Comoros (25 September 2003)[1]**

Ratification: **Slovenia (25 September 2003)[1]**

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: **Comoros (25 September 2003)[1]**

[1] **Date of receipt of the relevant documents.**

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Comoros (25 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Guatemala (25 September 2003)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Signature: Greece (25 September 2003)

Signature: Slovenia (25 September 2003)

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: Austria (25 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Greece (25 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Turkey (25 September 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 21 December 2001

Acceptance: Austria (25 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Signature of and deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to the above Protocol

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Delegations that intend to sign or deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the Optional Protocol during the Focus 2003 Treaty Event are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail untreaty@un.org).

It is noted that the Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It is further noted that the Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention, and is also open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

[1] e of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Focus 2003: Treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place until *today*, 26 September 2003 at Headquarters, in a special room located on the ground floor of the General Assembly Building (near the Delegates' Entrance in the Kuwaiti boat area).

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 2 April 2003, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will make a presentation on "The United Nations and Humanitarian Action in Today's Crisis Spots".

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Mainstreaming Ageing: Forging Links between Madrid Plan of Action and the Millennium Development Goals", in observance of the International Day of Older People. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 10 to 11.20 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will be the moderator. Ms. Alejandra Marta Ayuso, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, and Ms. Eveline L. Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals, will be the keynote speakers. A panel discussion on the topic of "Relating the Madrid Plan of Action to the Millennium Development Process" will be held from 11.25 a.m. to 12.25 p.m., as a second part of

the programme. The participants will be Mr. Johan Schlovnik, Director, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (as moderator); and Ms. Sonia Elliot, Liaison Officer, UNAIDS, Prof. Naomi Woronov, Author, Director, Community Colleges in China Project; Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Senior Advisor, Office of the Managing Director, World Bank; Mr. Gaoussou Traoré, Social Action Manager, Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity and Older Persons, Mali; and Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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